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In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Steven Y. Kau
Kenji MIKAMI	)	
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Application No.: 10/765,398	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 2551
Filed: January 28, 2004	)	
	:	June 10, 2009
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Final Office Action dated May 27, 2009. This Information Disclosure Statement is not a response to that Office Action, but is being submitted so that it is in the file when the Examiner next acts upon the above-identified application.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to an Office Action dated May 29, 2009, in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2003-024967 ("Japanese Office Action"), of the above-identified application, and listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed herewith. An English-language translation of the Japanese Office Action is not available. However, the cited documents are clearly numerically identified in the body of the Japanese Office Action, as well as being listed at page 6 of the Japanese Office Action.

### REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 06-161195 A; 09-149281 A; 11-20612 A; and 2000-338827 A *inter alia* are cited in the Japanese Office Action and are listed on the enclosed citation form. A copy of each of the Japanese patent documents and an English-language Abstract therefor are also enclosed.

Japanese Patent Document No. 09-149281 A is also published as U.S. Patent No. 6,067,377, which is also listed on the enclosed citation form. A copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,067,377 is not enclosed.

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 2002-166602A and 2002-214862 A are also cited in the Japanese Office Action. These documents were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed January 28, 2004 in the present application. Accordingly, these documents are not listed on the enclosed citation form and copies thereof are not enclosed.

### STATEMENT, PETITION AND FEE

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$180 necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

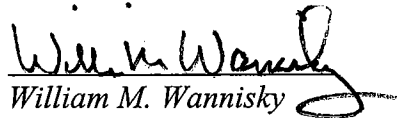
### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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